



Commencement

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Sixty-First Commencement

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The MSSU Bookstore in Billingsly Student Center will be open from 9 A.M. - 1 P.M. for your convenience and a Spirit Store is available near the main entrance of Leggett & Platt Athletic Center.

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Sixty-First Commencement

Processional: "Pomp and Circumstance"Elgar

Missouri Southern Commencement Ensemble

National Anthem.....Presentation of Colors

ShowMe Gold

Welcome and Introductions..... Dr. Alan Marble

Interim President, Missouri Southern State University

Commencement Speaker.....Mike Moore

Executive Vice-President, Wal-Mart

Presentation of ClassDr. Pat Lipira

Interim Vice President for Academic Affairs, Missouri Southern State University

Conferring of Graduate DegreesDr. Alan Marble

Master's Hooding..... Dr. Thad Wilson

Senior Associate Dean, School of Nursing and Health Studies, University of Missouri-Kansas City

Dr. Susan Kimble

Clinical Associate Professor, School of Nursing and Health Studies, University of Missouri-Kansas City

Dr. Tia Strait

Dean, School of Health Sciences, Missouri Southern State University

Dr. John Groesbeck

Dean, School of Business, Missouri Southern State University

Dr. Richard Miller

Dean, School of Arts & Sciences, Missouri Southern State University

Presentation of Baccalaureate and Associate Degrees

Conferring of Bachelor and Associate DegreesDr. Alan Marble

Presentation of Diplomas

Introduction of Degree Candidates Mr. Jeff Skibbe

General Manager, 88.7KXMS/Fine Arts Radio International, Missouri Southern State University

Congratulatory Remarks Dr. Joy Dworkin

President, Faculty Senate, Missouri Southern State University

Announcement of Academic HonorsDr. Pat Lipira

Turning of the Tassel.....Mr. Mark Lloyd, '99

Dean of Engagement and Retention

President, Missouri Southern Alumni Association Board of Directors

MSSU Alma Mater (See page 16)Ms. Mallory Hoskins

Senior, Bachelor of Science in Education-Secondary Education - Vocal Music K-12, Joplin

Ms. Chelsea LaNore

Senior, Bachelor of Science in Education-Secondary Education -Vocal Music K-12, Purdy

Recessional "Sine Nomine" R.V. Williams & E. Rosenberg

Missouri Southern Commencement Ensemble

Please remain standing until recessional is completed. • Please turn off all beepers/cell phones

About Our Speaker

Mike Moore is executive vice president and president of Walmart Central, leading the central geographic business unit of Walmart U.S. He is responsible for operations, real estate, supply chain and merchandising in the Mississippi River Delta, Central Plains, Texas and Midwest divisions.



Mike Moore

Mike began his Walmart career in 1988 as an assistant manager in Carthage, Mo. Since that time, he has held many successful leadership roles as co-manager, store manager and district manager in Oklahoma and Nebraska. He led south Texas and south Florida as regional vice president and in 2004 was promoted to senior vice president of operations for the west division. He received the Sam M. Walton Entrepreneur of the Year award in 2005.

In 2010, Mike assumed the role of senior vice president of merchandising and was responsible for the stationery, crafts, fabric, sporting goods, automotive, hardware and paint categories. He later was promoted to lead the north business unit of Walmart U.S. as executive vice president and president, overseeing operations in 19 states.

Mike earned a Bachelor of Science degree from Missouri Southern State University. Mike serves on the executive committee and chairman of Enactus National Advisory Board.

Cooperative Graduate Programs

Missouri Southern State University/Northwest Missouri State University

Master of Business Administration

Overstreet, Denise Lynn
Business Administration
Lamar

Missouri Southern State University/Southeast Missouri State University

Master of Science in Criminal Justice

Burch, Eric L.†
Criminal Justice
Farmington

Cowdin, Matt T.
Criminal Justice
Webb City

Neeley, Sara
Criminal Justice
Dexter

Uhrhan, Whitney F.
Criminal Justice
Chaffee

Welker, Michele Lynn
Criminal Justice
Altenburg

Cavender, Shannon R.
Criminal Justice
Parsons, KS

Foster, Desiree J.
Criminal Justice
Ozark

Turk, Ethel
Criminal Justice
Sikeston

Vaughan, Aaron R.
Criminal Justice
Ozark

Missouri Southern State University/University of Missouri-Kansas City

Master of Science in Nursing

Bender, Rebecca A.‡
Nursing
Joplin

Goade, KimberLe S.
Nursing-Post Graduate
Carl Junction

Moss, Rebecca Catherine†
Nursing
Joplin

Teel, Lindsey M.
Nursing
Joplin

Bock, Kiana R.
Nursing
Springfield

Hoelker, Ronnie Jean
Nursing
Nixa

Perez, Irma
Nursing
Rogers, AR

Tuck, Teyoni E.‡
Nursing
Joplin

Cave, Rebecca‡
Nursing
Nixa

Hukill, Janeice†
Nursing
Joplin

Ramsey, Lori L.
Nursing
Webb City

Windsor, Dana R.
Nursing
Oronogo

Crosson, Kelli C.‡
Nursing
Branson

Langham, Kerri
Nursing
Fayetteville, AR

Rossner, Ashlee†
Nursing
Springfield

Winford, Taesha
Nursing
Springfield

Gill, Kelly†
Nursing
Nixa

McLemore, Kelly J.
Nursing
Nevada

Schultz, Donna Jean†
Nursing
Galena, KS

Candidates for Honors & Degrees

Baccalaureate Degrees

Summa Cum Laude

Grade point average 3.90 or above

Anderson, Julie
Blanchard, Miranda† ‡
Boles, Holly †
Caldwell, Heather

Gaskill, Debra
Hembree, Edward
Henning, Tiffany‡
Kimbrough, Tanya‡

Littles, Ivy‡
McKibben, Katie‡
Moore, Rebecca

Sjorlund, Lindsey †
Wilson, Christina‡

Magna Cum Laude

Grade point average 3.80 - 3.89

Barker, Justin
Black, Valerie
Cupp, Amanda
Edings, Josiah
Ehrheart, William

Emmerich, Elizabeth
Frey, Jared
Gan, Chiew
Gayman, Christanne
Gilliam, Jarrett

Hall, Sarah
Harlow, Brian
Korn, Amber
Middleton, Matthew
Musgrave, Sunny

Persons, Joanna
Peters, Bethany
Poynter, Jesse
Purcell, Beth
Roberts, Jennifer

Smith, Christopher
Thompson, Peter †
Walker, Logan
Ward, Natalie

Cum Laude

Grade point average 3.70 - 3.79

Ambrosius, Zelina
Baggetta, Ava
Brady, Christina
Bridges, Colby

Cumming, Joseph
DeGraw, Hailey
Doerr, Michaela
Hosp, Jennifer †

Kingore, Holly
Lopez, Misti
Robbins, Ashley

Ross, Megan
Tuggle, Steven

Associate Degrees

First Honors

Grade point average 3.9 or above

Anderson, Julie
Crain, Casey‡

Kimbrough, Tanya‡
Wilson, Christina‡

Second Honors

Grade point average 3.80 - 3.89

Barker, Justin
Black, Valerie
Emmerich, Elizabeth

Gilliam, Jarrett
Harlow, Brian
Roberts, Jennifer

Welch, Jonna

School of Arts & Sciences

Bachelor of Arts

Akers, Sarah D.

Art- Visual
Kansas City

Dixon, Casey R.

Spanish
Grove, OK

Hardy, Gene Forrest

German
Madison, WI

Peters, Bethany K'Lynn

English- Literary Studies
Miami, OK

Atnip, Michelle Dawn

Communication- Public Relations
Neosho

Doughty, Nick Adrian

History
Kansas City

Hilton, Alicia Ann

Sociology
Carthage

Phillips, Codi J.

English- Professional/
Technical Writing
Joplin

Barbosa, Whitney Kay

French, German
Carthage

Gilmore, TaNisha Nicole

Sociology
Joplin

Hosp, Jennifer L. †

Spanish
Carl Junction

Ross, Megan N.

Spanish, International Studies
Joplin

Carey, Rachel N.

History
Neosho

Graham, Lori Katherine

Music Industry
Miami, OK

Leake, Tabitha Lynn

Chemistry
Diamond

Terry, Meagan

Communication- Public Relations
Joplin

Cavener, Sara Rachel

Music
Joplin

Greninger, Christopher Robert

Graphic Design
Webb City

Littles, Ivy Grace ‡

Sociology
Carthage

Thompson, Joseph Summer

English- Literary Studies
Mt. Vernon

Coates, Lauren Elizabeth

Spanish
East Peoria, IL

Gwin-Martinez, Syleris Aleska

Spanish
Webb City

Lord, Natascha Christin

German
Waynesville

Thompson, Peter William †

English- Literary Studies
Joplin

Cox, Heather Elaine

Spanish
Carl Junction

Hall, Sarah E.

Art- Graphic
Webb City

Neill, Dusty Sue

Spanish
Joplin

Walden, Diana Lane †

English- Literary Studies
Joplin

Bachelor of Fine Arts

Murdock, Jordan Dene

Studio
Diamond

Bachelor of Science

Adair, Summer J.

Criminal Justice Administration
Harrisonville

Alley, Griffin Barbara

Sociology
Joplin

Almeter, Curtis D.

Communication- Mass
Neosho

Ambrosius, Zelina Paige

Biology
Carthage

Anderson, Julie Ann

Criminal Justice Administration,
Juvenile Justice
Columbia

Andrews, Rhanda Kenai Shamea

Criminal Justice Administration
Baxter Springs, KS

Arnold, Joseph A.

Criminal Justice Administration
Bentonville, AR

Baker, Brittany LeAnne

Criminal Justice Administration
Joplin

Black, Valerie Marie

Criminal Justice Administration,
Juvenile Justice
Duenweg

Boeger, Lindsey N.

Communication- Public Relations
Joplin

Bolanos, Juan Carlos

Criminal Justice Administration
Spring Valley, CA

Brady, Christina Samantha

Biology
Joplin

Brigance, Alisha Ann

Criminal Justice Administration
Joplin

Britton, Terry Joe

Criminal Justice Administration
Joplin

Bruning, Renae E.

Criminal Justice Administration
Baxter Springs, KS

Carrell, Donna Lee

Criminal Justice Administration
Gravette, AR

Cooley, Justin T.

Criminal Justice Administration
Golden City

Crahan, Baylee Nicole

Criminal Justice Administration
Nevada

Crook, Kayla Jenae

Sociology
Webb City

Culbertson, Kathryn Brooke

Biology
Grove, OK

Cumming, Joseph Adam

Biology
Neosho

Cupp, Amanda S.

Communication- Public Relations
Webb City

Cuypers, Kristen

Environmental Health
Holiday Island, AR

Delker, Timothy Jacob

Criminal Justice Administration
Crane

Dodson, Ryan P.

Biology
Grove, OK

Dover, Lloyd Colin

Biology
Neosho

Emmerich, Elizabeth

Criminal Justice Administration
California

Evans, Samantha C.

Criminal Justice Administration
Lampe

Fienen, Bradley Scott

Criminal Justice Administration,
Juvenile Justice
Neosho

Gabauer, Laura Anne

Juvenile Justice
Chesterfield

Gaskill, Debra Sue

Sociology
Joplin

Glidewell, Danielle R.

Juvenile Justice
Harrisonville

Greer, Lorah Louise

Communication- Mass
Webb City

Hall, Jonathan Aaron

Criminal Justice Administration
Webb City

Hammons, Dawn Marie

Criminal Justice Administration
Ottawa, KS

Harlow, Brian C.

Criminal Justice Administration,
Juvenile Justice
Parsons, KS

Harper, Darlene Elizabeth

Sociology
Joplin

Harrington, Cameron Kyle

Biology
Joplin

Harris, Ashley Jordan

Criminal Justice Administration
Carthage

Hubbard, Jessica Marie

Criminal Justice Administration
Joplin

Johnson, Natalie Cheyanne

Criminal Justice Administration
Miami, OK

Keefe, Kristen N.

Criminal Justice Administration
Duquesne

Kimbrough, Tanya D. ‡

Criminal Justice Administration
Stella

King, Gena Kristine

Criminal Justice Administration
Joplin

Leake, Tabitha Lynn

Biochemistry
Diamond

Ly, Tom B.

Criminal Justice Administration/
CIS- Computer Forensics
Neosho

Malone, Dysyan Shantyl

Biology
Enid, OK

Mertens, Adam David

Biology
Carl Junction

Monroe, Karlie Dawn

Sociology
Joplin

Moody, Stephen Craig

Chemistry
Commerce, OK

Moran, Gretchen Elissa

Mathematics
Halltown

Patel, Swati

Biology
Joplin

Pearson, Samantha R.

Biology
Fayetteville, AR

Phillips, Kaylee Riannon

Criminal Justice Administration,
Juvenile Justice
Joplin

Pippin, Michelle Lorane

Criminal Justice Administration,
Juvenile Justice
Joplin

Rather, Kandace G.

Communication- Speech
Webb City

Reeves, Samantha Renee

Criminal Justice Administration
Joplin

Robbins, Ashley Rene

Mathematics
Fort Smith, AR

Roberts, Jennifer Lynn

Criminal Justice Administration
Joplin

Sandy, Grace E.

Justice Studies
Carthage

Schumann, James Allan

Criminal Justice Administration
Joplin

Schwab, Lindsay Marie

Biology
Joplin

Shields, Nikita Rashelle

Criminal Justice Administration,
Juvenile Justice
Carthage

Smith, Christopher A.

Biology
Joplin

Soubiaiga, Tewende A.

Physics
Tulsa, OK

Spicer, Preston Scott

Biology
Joplin

Thompson, Peter William †

Mathematics
Joplin

Tinney, Shelby L.

Biology
Joplin

Van Story, Casey Lyn

Sociology
Neosho

Vu, Christine T.

Biology
Joplin

Waddell, Lauren Marie

Criminal Justice Administration
Joplin

Waechter, Angela Michelle

Biology
Sarcoxie

Wakefield, Jessica Calista †

Biology
Carthage

Wallace, James Harold

Mathematics
Joplin

Wangen, Jacqueline Marie

Criminal Justice Administration
Grove, OK

Ward, Samuel L.

Biology
Neosho

Welde, Leif Miles

Criminal Justice Administration
Joplin

Wilson, Christina R. ‡

Criminal Justice Administration
Webb City

Wiseman, Virginia Rose

Sociology
Carterville

Associate of Science

Adair, Summer J.

Law Enforcement
Harrisonville

Anderson, Julie Ann

Law Enforcement
Columbia

Andrews, Rhanda Kenai Shamea

Law Enforcement
Baxter Springs, KS

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Law Enforcement
Bentonville, AR

Baker, Brittany LeAnne

Law Enforcement
Joplin

Black, Valerie Marie

Law Enforcement
Duenweg

Bolanos, Juan Carlos

Law Enforcement
Spring Valley, CA

Brigance, Alisha Ann

Law Enforcement
Joplin

Britton, Terry Joe

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Joplin

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Law Enforcement
Baxter Springs, KS

Carrell, Donna Lee

Law Enforcement
Gravette, AR

Crahan, Baylee Nicole

Law Enforcement
Nevada

Crain, Casey William ‡

Law Enforcement
Nevada

Delker, Timothy Jacob

Law Enforcement
Crane

Emmerich, Elizabeth

Law Enforcement
California

Evans, Samantha C.

Law Enforcement
Lampe

Glidewell, Danielle R.

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Harrisonville

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Webb City

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Law Enforcement
Parsons, KS

Harris, Ashley Jordan

Law Enforcement
Carthage

Hubbard, Jessica Marie

Law Enforcement
Joplin

Johnson, Natalie Cheyanne

Law Enforcement
Miami, OK

Keefe, Kristen N.

Law Enforcement
Duquesne

Kimbrough, Tanya D. ‡

Law Enforcement
Stella

Phillips, Kaylee Riannon

Law Enforcement
Joplin

Pippin, Michelle Lorane

Law Enforcement
Joplin

Reeves, Samantha Renee

Law Enforcement
Joplin

Rizo, Roberto A.

Law Enforcement
Rolla

Roberts, Jennifer Lynn

Law Enforcement
Joplin

Schumann, James Allan

Law Enforcement
Joplin

Stewart, Ricky Lane II

Law Enforcement
Carl Junction

Waddell, Lauren Marie

Law Enforcement
Joplin

Wangen, Jacqueline Marie

Law Enforcement
Grove, OK

Welch, Jonna

Law Enforcement
Bolivar

Welde, Leif Miles

Law Enforcement
Joplin

Wilson, Christina R. ‡

Law Enforcement
Webb City

Robert W. Plaster School of Business

Bachelor of Science

Barker, Justin Chad

CIS-Information Technology
Stella

Barnett, Chase Allan

CIS-Information Technology
Baxter Springs, KS

Boyd, Nathaniel A.

Industrial Engineering Technology
Joplin

Gilliam, Jarrett C.

CIS- Information Technology
Pineville

Ly, Tom B.

CIS- Computer Forensics
Neosho

Midence, Gerardo G.

CIS- Information Systems
Riverton, KS

Patel, Dimple S.

CIS- Information Technology
Joplin

Roderique, Lee A.

Industrial Engineering Technology
Carthage

Sharon, Timothy D.

Industrial Engineering Technology
Diamond

Smith, Isaiah J.

Industrial Engineering Technology
Joplin

Tracy, John Jerrod

CIS- Information Technology
Webb City

Wall, Adam Joseph

CIS-Information Systems
Neosho

Yang, Gia

Industrial Engineering Technology
Neosho

Bachelor of Science in Business Administration

Antonucci-Hay, Cecelia Carmen

Human Resource Management,
Management
Neosho

Baggetta, Ava Marie

Accounting
Fairland, OK

Barwick, Tommy Gene III

Human Resource Management,
Management
Joplin

Bigham, Charles Joseph

Marketing
Aurora

Bingham, Christopher Allen

Management
Petal, MS

Braeckel, Joseph Edward

Accounting
Joplin

Broadwater, Christine D.

Accounting
Joplin

Brown, Angel D.

General Business
Joplin

Brown, Jacqueline E.

Accounting, International Business
Cassville

Brown, Joey D.

Human Resource Management,
Management
Seneca

Buzzard, Kyle Wesley

Finance/Economics
Joplin

Carr, Samantha Lyn

Accounting
Carl Junction

Caylor, Natasha S.

Accounting
Carterville

Crabtree, James Lloyd

Accounting
Joplin

Cunningham, LaTosha Rose

Human Resource Management
Joplin

DeGraw, Hailey L.

Accounting, International Business
Carl Junction

Edings, Josiah William

General Business
Parsons, KS

Ehrheart, William T.

Management
Pittsburg, KS

Fields, Kathryn M.

Human Resource Management,
Marketing, Management
Joplin

Gibson, Joshua R.

Accounting
Lamar

Goff, Christena Lynn

Accounting
Neosho

Halfaker, Rebecca Lynn

Accounting
Cushing, OK

Hall, David J.

Human Resource Management,
Management
Harrisonville

Hancock, Cari

Accounting
Neosho

Harris, Zach Scott

Management
Joplin

Hembree, Edward Dean Jr.

Human Resource Management
Diamond

Hendrix, Sandra

Accounting,
Human Resource Management
Jerico Springs

Hight, Jason Christopher

Management, Marketing
Joplin

Hilgenberg, Cristine Elizabeth

Management
Joplin

Hill, Roxane L.

Accounting
Pierce City

Hood, Jennifer K.

Human Resource Management
Mt. Vernon

Hosp, Jennifer L. †

International Business
Carl Junction

School of Education

Bachelor of Science

Baltzell, Stephanie Ann

Psychology
Joplin

Baxter, Cullen

Health Promotion and Wellness
Overland Park, KS

Brunner, Ashley Michelle

Psychology
Joplin

Caldwell, Heather Lynne

Psychology
Baxter Springs, KS

Lee, Robert Truman

Health Promotion and Wellness
Joplin

McKinney, David Addison K.

Health Promotion and Wellness
Webb City

Penner, Melody L.

Psychology
Webb City

Poynter, Jesse James

Psychology
Monett

Woodall, Lauren Elizabeth

Psychology
Lockwood

Bachelor of Science in Education

Armstrong, Abigail

Elementary Education
Washington

Blanchard, Miranda Dawn ‡ †

Secondary Education- Social Science,
History
Lamar

Bohall, Stephanie Rachelle

Secondary Education-
Social Science, History
Maysville, AR

Boles, Holly Elizabeth †

Secondary Education- English
Joplin

Burr, Calvin Michael

Elementary Education
Joplin

Campbell, Courtney E.

Elementary Education
St. James

Chitwood, Bethany Jo Lynn

Elementary Education
Joplin

Courier, Ryan C.

Elementary Education
Greenwood

Daugherty, Michelle A.

Secondary Education- Instrumental
Joplin

Doerr, Michaela A.

Elementary Education
Webb City

Dominguez, Rose Amanta

Elementary Education
Carterville

Eynon, Danielle Victoria

Secondary Education- Physical
Education
Joplin

Frey, Jared Michael

Middle School Education- Math
Joplin

Gan, Chiew H.

Elementary Education
Carl Junction

Gaskell, Whitney Elyse

Secondary Education- English
Fort Smith, AR

Gipson, Emily S.

Elementary Education
Riverton, KS

Goodwin, Juda Ann

Elementary Education
Carthage

Guinn, Laura Ruth

Secondary Education-
Instrumental Music
Joplin

Haase, Hannah Nichole Ashley

Elementary Education
Joplin

Henning, Tiffany Rachael ‡

Elementary Education
Carl Junction

Hogenmiller, Andy

Secondary Education- Physical
Education
Washington

Jones, Alisha Rene

Middle School Education- Math
Nevada

Jones, Leah S.

Secondary Education-
Social Science, History
Exeter

King, Tobey Nadine

Middle School Education- Science
Southwest City

Kingore, Holly E.

Elementary Education
Joplin

Koch, Madison Ramae

Middle School Education- Math
Carl Junction

Korn, Amber Dawn

Middle School Education- Social
Studies
Carthage

Lemon, Chelsey M.

Elementary Education
Stark City

McGatha, Samantha Lynn

Education- Spanish
Reeds

McKibben, Katie Elizabeth ‡

Secondary Education-
Social Science, History
Neosho

Newman, James E., Jr.

Secondary Education- Physical
Education
Joplin

Newman, Laurel Larain

Elementary Education
Webb City

School of Education

Bachelor of Science

Baltzell, Stephanie Ann

Psychology
Joplin

Baxter, Cullen

Health Promotion and Wellness
Overland Park, KS

Brunner, Ashley Michelle

Psychology
Joplin

Caldwell, Heather Lynne

Psychology
Baxter Springs, KS

Lee, Robert Truman

Health Promotion and Wellness
Joplin

McKinney, David Addison K.

Health Promotion and Wellness
Webb City

Penner, Melody L.

Psychology
Webb City

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Psychology
Monett

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Psychology
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Armstrong, Abigail

Elementary Education
Washington

Blanchard, Miranda Dawn ‡ †

Secondary Education- Social Science,
History
Lamar

Bohall, Stephanie Rachelle

Secondary Education-
Social Science, History
Maysville, AR

Boles, Holly Elizabeth †

Secondary Education- English
Joplin

Burr, Calvin Michael

Elementary Education
Joplin

Campbell, Courtney E.

Elementary Education
St. James

Chitwood, Bethany Jo Lynn

Elementary Education
Joplin

Courier, Ryan C.

Elementary Education
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Secondary Education- Instrumental
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Webb City

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Carterville

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Joplin

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Secondary Education- English
Fort Smith, AR

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Elementary Education
Riverton, KS

Goodwin, Juda Ann

Elementary Education
Carthage

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Secondary Education-
Instrumental Music
Joplin

Haase, Hannah Nichole Ashley

Elementary Education
Joplin

Henning, Tiffany Rachael ‡

Elementary Education
Carl Junction

Hogenmiller, Andy

Secondary Education- Physical
Education
Washington

Jones, Alisha Rene

Middle School Education- Math
Nevada

Jones, Leah S.

Secondary Education-
Social Science, History
Exeter

King, Tobey Nadine

Middle School Education- Science
Southwest City

Kingore, Holly E.

Elementary Education
Joplin

Koch, Madison Ramae

Middle School Education- Math
Carl Junction

Korn, Amber Dawn

Middle School Education- Social
Studies
Carthage

Lemon, Chelsey M.

Elementary Education
Stark City

McGatha, Samantha Lynn

Education- Spanish
Reeds

McKibben, Katie Elizabeth ‡

Secondary Education-
Social Science, History
Neosho

Newman, James E., Jr.

Secondary Education- Physical
Education
Joplin

Newman, Laurel Larain

Elementary Education
Webb City

Ott, Carmen Nicole

Middle School Education- Science
Bernice, OK

Petty, Zachary D.

Secondary Education-
Sociology, Political Science
Joplin

Potts, Sonni M.

Elementary Education
Joplin

Robinson, Mary L.

Elementary Education
Joplin

Sjorlund, Lindsey Jo †

Elementary Education
Webb City

VanSlyke, Dakota Ray

Secondary Education- Physical
Education
Neosho

Waldo, Caroline E.

Elementary Education
Joplin

Walker, Logan J.

Elementary Education
Webb City

Ward, Natalie A.

Elementary Education
Shell Knob

Weatherly, Rachelle J.

Elementary Education
Monett

Weece, Melea L.

Elementary Education
Webb City

Whitehead, Jess D.

Middle School Education-
Social Studies
Joplin

Wilkes, Megan MaLynn

Elementary Education
Neosho

Wright, Ashley R.

Elementary Education
Miller

School of Health Sciences

Bachelor of Science

Craig, Angela L.

Health Science
Welch, OK

Dailey, Brittany L.

Health Science
Pittsburg, KS

Davis, Alexis Christine

Health Science
Jefferson City

Daye, Chandra Rae

Health Science
Webb City

Forde, Danielle Simone

Health Science
British Virgin Islands

Helton, Jonathan

Health Science
Lebanon

Keller, Anne Marie

Health Science
Springfield

Lyckman, Tara Louise

Health Science
Carthage

Mertens, Adysen Leigh

Health Science
Carl Junction

Monroe, Ashley Ann

Health Science
Joplin

Persons, Joanna Elizabeth

Health Science
Neosho

Ragains, Brianna Danielle

Health Science
Lebanon

Strella, Paige Noelle

Health Science
Joplin

Summers, Misty C.

Health Science
Thayer, KS

Watkins, Hannah Michele

Health Science
Bourbon

Woodward, Brittany Diann

Health Science
Carl Junction

Zou-Fajardo, Celia

Health Science
Honolulu, HI

Bachelor of General Studies

Arwood, William Edward

General Studies
Joplin

Baldwin, Seth Eric

General Studies
Joplin

Bohannon, Aimee Beth Irene

General Studies
Joplin

Bridges, Colby A.

General Studies
Carthage

Chaney, Michael R.

General Studies
Joplin

Farris, Paul William

General Studies
Joplin

Gayman, Christanne Colleen

General Studies
Schell City

Hall, Shaela Marie

General Studies
Joplin

Haper, Brittany Renee

General Studies
Neosho

Higgs, Adam Kane

General Studies
Carthage

Jordan, Brianna Danielle

General Studies
Joplin

Lamoure, Robert J.

General Studies
Joplin

Layne, Meilanie

General Studies
Webb City

Lewis, John Andrew

General Studies
Joplin

Markovich, Gabrielle

General Studies
Neosho

Nixon, Kendra D.

General Studies
Seneca

Oechsle, Fabian Alexander

General Studies
Granby

Pearson, Courtney C.

General Studies
Joplin

Pennington, Katarina Beth

General Studies
Nevada

Pickett, Keith Edward

General Studies
Orlando, FL

Pope, Cory Kendall

General Studies
Aiken, SC

Ritzman, Mary M.

General Studies
Joplin

Russell, Natasha Ylonda

General Studies
Seneca

Schiermeier, Kylie Jean

General Studies
Joplin

Soriano, Kailin M.

General Studies
Carthage

Soyez, Elliot J.

General Studies
Goddard, KS

Vance, Melanie L.

General Studies
Butler

Wheeler, Sarah Elizabeth

General Studies
Carl Junction

Wyman, Amanda Lauren

General Studies
Butler

Graduates Who Have Studied Abroad

Akers, Sarah D.

Japan

Ambrosius, Zelina Paige

Belize

Barbosa, Whitney Kay

Germany/France

Blanchard, Miranda Dawn

Great Britain/Belize

Boles, Holly Elizabeth

Ireland

Brown, Jacqueline E.

China

Campbell, Courtney E.

Belize

Cavener, Sara Rachel

Italy

Coates, Lauren Elizabeth

Ecuador

Craig, Angela L.

British Virgin Islands

Daugherty, Michelle A.

China

DeGraw, Hailey L.

China

Doerr, Michaela A.

Belize

Gilliam, Jarrett C.

Ecuador

Hardy, Gene Forrest

Germany

Hosp, Jennifer L.

Ecuador/China

Huang, Jialiang

Japan

Lewis, John Andrew

Belize

Neill, Dusty Sue

Ecuador

Ott, Carmen N.

Belize

Pearson, Samantha R.

Australia

Penner, Melody L.

Great Britain/Belize

Pledger, Elesha Marie

China

Purcell, Beth Marie

Germany- 2 trips

Roberts, Jennifer Lynn

Japan

Robinson, Mary L.

Great Britain

Ross, Megan N.

Ecuador- 2 trips

Sjorlund, Lindsey Jo

Great Britain/France

Thompson, Peter William

Costa Rica

Vu, Christine T.

Belize

Wakefield, Jessica Calista

Great Britain

Walden, Diana Lane

Ireland

Points of Pride



2013 Outstanding Alumni & Lion Hearted Recipients

Retired CIA staff member **Rob Roy Ratliff**, '47, Gaithersburg, Md., and Nutra Blend executive **Mike Osborne**, '76, Neosho, received the 2013 "Outstanding Alumni Award" from the MSSU Alumni Association.

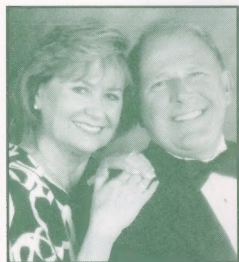


Born and raised in Webb City, Ratliff served in the Marine Corps during World War II. He received his AA degree from Joplin Junior College in 1947 before attending American University in Washington, D.C. He was a clandestine officer in the Central Intelligence Agency, serving in the Philippines, the Republic of China in Tawian and British Guiana in South America. He was awarded the Intelligence Medal of Merit when he retired in 1980.

He and his wife, Rebecca (a Joplin Junior College classmate), live in Gaithersburg, a suburb of D.C.

Osborne graduated from Missouri Southern with a bachelor's degree in business administration in 1976. He became secretary treasurer of Neosho's Nutra Blend in 1976, and was named president and CEO of the company in 1989. The company has grown from a start-up to revenues of more than \$800 million per year, with facilities from coast to coast.

Osborne and his wife Terry (who has an associate's degree in nursing from Missouri Southern) have been married for 37 years.



The 2013 Lion Hearted Award – which goes to non-graduates who have provided significant assistance and support to the university – went to **Don and Gloria LaFerla**.

Gloria was employed for over 20 years with IBM Corporation. She retired from the Joplin office in 1996. Don's career with Leggett & Platt Inc. spanned more than 27 years. He retired in 2001 as vice president of management information and office services. The couple, who reside in Carthage, are Lionbackers and belong to the MSSU Legacy Society.



Homecoming Royalty

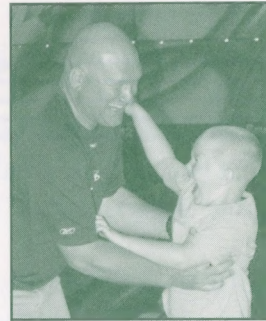
Seniors **Logan Alumbaugh** and **Karlie Monroe** were named homecoming king and queen during the annual campus picnic last month.

A physical education major from El Dorado Springs, Alumbaugh was sponsored by the Kinesiology Club. Monroe, a sociology major from Manhattan, Kan., was sponsored

by Alpha Sigma Alpha, Alpha Kappa Delta and the Sociology Club.

Finalists for king were **Kyle Prisock**, a management and marketing major from Dayton, Ohio; **Evan Zachary Zupan**, a secondary history education major from Rogers, Ark.; **Alex Stockam**, a health promotion major from Peculiar, Missouri; and **Peter Thompson**, a math and English literary studies major from Joplin.

Queen finalists were **Whitney Koch**, a marketing and management major from Carl Junction; **Ashton Nicole Troxel**, an international studies major from Carl Junction; **Madison Pollock**, an English major from Joplin; and **Kylie Cornman**, a health promotion and wellness major from Mountain View, Missouri.



'Getting The Job Done'

In the wake of the tragic death of Missouri Southern Assistant Football Coach **Derek Moore** on Nov. 1, a fund was established for his 6-year-old son, **Elijah**.

"We know Derek loved the Missouri Southern Lions and the Lions loved him," said Missouri Southern Interim President Alan Marble, '79. "We feel this is a fitting tribute to Derek's life and work. We encourage fans to give at the game or to make a contribution to the Go Lions Elijah Moore Trust Fund."

"On the field, Derek was all about getting the job done," said MSSU Athletics Director Jared Bruggeman. "Now we want to get the job done for him."

Those wishing to contribute to the fund may do so on the Missouri Southern Foundation's giving page or in person at Commerce Bank, 211 Main St., in Joplin.

Continued Growth



Last month, the Missouri Southern Board of Governors approved a recommendation to proceed with plans for construction of a new, \$14 million residence hall complex.

To be located north of Newman Road and east of International Boulevard, the three-story complex will feature 51 student apartments throughout six buildings, the vast majority of which will be four bedrooms. Each bedroom will have its own bathroom, and students will share a common living area and full kitchen. Each apartment will also have its own washer and dryer.

The exterior of the complex will include an open courtyard and common areas, a pedestrian-friendly design and parking on the back side. In addition, plans call for the construction of a 12,720-square-foot FEMA shelter next to the complex.

ALMA MATER

Words by Mary Laird,
Class of '39

Music by Emerson Jackson,
Class of '39



Our Al - ma Ma - ter, we ho - nor thee,



shap - ing and guid - ing our de - sti - ny.



Af - ter we have part - ed as the years roll by;



we'll keep each me - mo - ry hail, hail to thee.



Missouri Southern State University's "Alma Mater" was drafted during the Joplin Junior College second year by a group that included Mary Laird, Joan Epperson, Enos Currey, Ellen Beasley and Emerson Jackson. Laird was principally responsible for the lyrics while Jackson set it to music. It was first sung during a Class-Day program in 1939.

Academic Attire

As early as the twelfth century the first modern universities, at Bologna and Paris, were centers of European learning. The usual garb of the time, for both churchmen and laymen, was a long gown which was necessary for warmth in the unheated buildings of the day. Scholars, generally members of church orders, wore such robes and also hoods to protect their shaven heads. Later, skull caps were worn on the head, and the hood became a cape which could be pulled over the head in unpleasant weather. The hood was also sometimes used to collect alms from the more affluent members of the community. As additional universities were founded, distinctive forms of the gown and hood were adopted by their faculties. Variations indicated ranks within the institutions. Strict rules were published and in some cases punishment cited for tailors who departed from the authorized design.

The academic hat was a later development, adapted from the headdress of the ordinary people. Academically, it was originally worn as a symbol of the master's degree, and existed in various forms: some were round, some square and some had a tuft in the center. The flat, square "mortar board" of today originated at Oxford University in England.

Academic costume came to America in 1754 with the founding of King's College, now Columbia University. Styles became quite varied as they were in Europe, but in 1895 a group of American college and university representatives met to establish a uniform system of academic apparel for this country. This led to the establishment in 1902 of an "Intercollegiate Code of Academic Costume." The American Council of Education formed a committee in 1932 to review the 1895 code, which was again reviewed and revised in both 1960 and 1965.

There are today three basic types of gowns and hoods. The bachelor's gown has pointed sleeves and is designed to be worn closed. Recipients of the associate degrees wear navy gowns designed like the bachelor's gown. The master's gown is designed with an oblong sleeve, open at the wrist and with an arc cut away at the front of the sleeve. It may be worn either open or closed. The doctoral gown is of a full design with voluminous sleeves, and it also may be worn open or closed. Unlike the other two, the doctoral gown is faced down the front with velvet and with three velvet bars on the sleeves. These may be black or a color related to the subject of the degree. Thus, arts, letters and humanities may be white, business degrees may be drab or sapphire blue, education uses light blue, fine arts is brown, music is pink and science is golden yellow, to name a few.

The caps are always black, with a black tassel for baccalaureate degrees and a tassel of the color indicated above for master's. Doctoral caps usually have a tassel of metallic gold color.

The hoods worn by master's degree recipients are lined with the official colors of the institution awarding the degree. The binding and edging of the hood is silk or velvet in the color pertaining to the subject area. Doctoral hoods are longer and designed somewhat fuller, but the colors again are those of the institution granting the degree for the lining, and of the subject for the wide edging. There exists a small bachelor's hood, but generally it is not used in this country.

The hoods represented in MSSU ceremonies are a combination of colors from each of the collaborating institutions. Traditional colors and corresponding fields of study are:

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| Brown: | Fine Arts | Pink: | Music |
| Crimson: | Journalism | Purple: | Law |
| Dark Blue: | Philosophy | Sage Green: | Physical Education |
| Golden Yellow: | Science | Scarlet: | Theology |
| Lemon Yellow: | Library Science | White: | Arts, Letters, Humanities |
| Light Blue: | Education | Yellow Brown: | Commerce, Business, Accountancy |



Sixty-First Commencement

10 a.m. • Saturday • December 14, 2013